GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2571
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DECLARATION OF RUBBER AS AN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to recategories rubber as an agricultural product;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/being taken in this direction?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (c): The Government have already filed its negotiating proposals with WTO for including rubber in the rationalization of product coverage in the Agreement on Agriculture. The negotiations are scheduled to conclude by 1st January, 2005.